

# France

## *Ethnicity in France*

### *Group selection*

We identify the following politically relevant ethnic groups in France: **French**, **Basques**, **Corsicans**, and **Roma**. The Basque population constitutes 0.4% of the total French Population (<sup>1735</sup>).

<sup>1735</sup> [Institut Culturel Basque, 2009]

### *Power relations*

#### *1946-1961*

Due to their dominant political position in France, the ethnic French are coded as holding the power monopoly for all years - no sign was found for the explicit or implicit inclusion of other ethnicities into the national executive.

The Basques, represented by several political parties (such as the Abertzaleen Batasuna), were not integrated into any national government since 1946, and are therefore coded as being powerless. They do not have regional autonomy; although the Basque region has become a "pays" in 1997, it lacks fundamental budgetary powers for self-governance.

The Roma are coded as being discriminated throughout. Several facts support this decision. Until 2012, the voting rights of the Roma population were severely curtailed, as Non-French, European Roma had to be living for 3 years in one place to be allowed to vote in municipal elections, much longer than the lawful 6 months. The restriction of the fraction of Roma being able to live in one locality to a maximum of 3%, in place still today, severely restricts the capability of gaining access to the political system available to the Roma population (<sup>1736</sup>). In addition to these direct political discrimination, the Roma in France experience violations of their human rights with regard to housing and education and are subject of discriminatory executive practices and discourses. Since 2010, it has become executive practice to deport non-French Roma to their countries of origin, even if this puts them at risk of discrimination and violence (<sup>1737</sup>; <sup>1738</sup>). The Roma population in France is still considered to be discriminated politically as the 3% rule still applied and the "Travellers" (Gens de Voyage) still build their own administrative category with the obligation to present their "Traveller booklet" at a police station at least once per year (<sup>1739</sup>).

<sup>1736</sup> [Open Society Foundation, 2013]

<sup>1737</sup> [Bennett, 2011]

<sup>1738</sup> [Korando, 2012]

<sup>1739</sup> [Open Society Foundation, 2017]

*1962-1991*

A new period was introduced when the Corsician people gained relevance since the 60s, when movements for Corse nationalism and independence emerged. This movement saw outbreaks of political violence in the 70s. So far, Corse political agents or organizations were never included in the national executive, so the group is coded as being powerless for all years.

*1992-2017*

In 1991 a new statute was adopted by the French parliament, granting the island the special status of a territorial collectivity, so that Corse people are coded as having regional autonomy status.

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## *Political status of ethnic groups in France*

*From 1946 until 1961*

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
French	0.976	MONOPOLY
Roma	0.006	DISCRIMINATED
Basques	0.004	POWERLESS
Corsicans	0.004	IRRELEVANT

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Figure 319: Political status of ethnic groups in France during 1946-1961.



Figure 320: Political status of ethnic groups in France during 1962-1991.

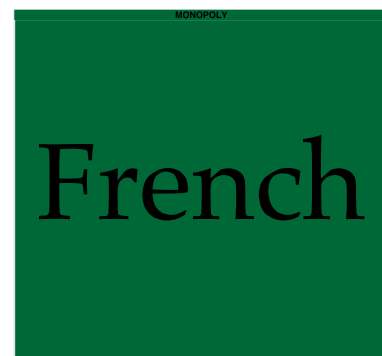


Figure 321: Political status of ethnic groups in France during 1992-2017.

## *Geographical coverage of ethnic groups in France*

*From 1946 until 1961*

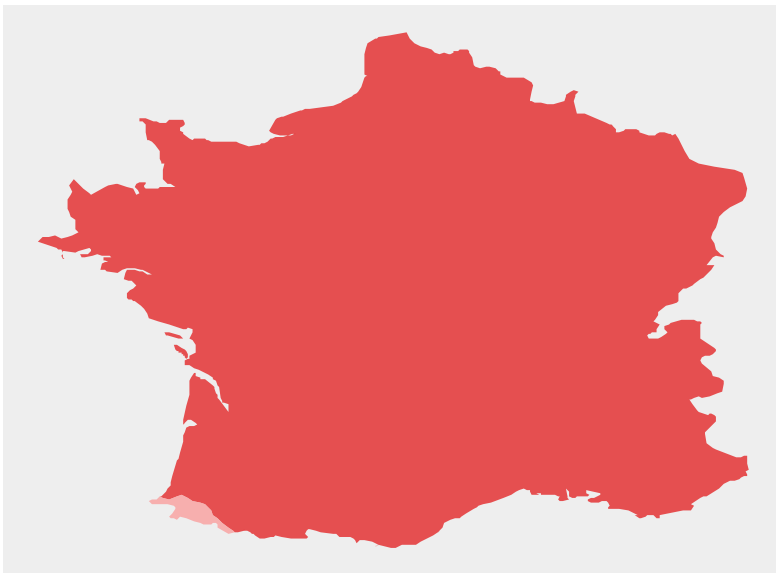


Figure 322: Map of ethnic groups in France during 1946-1961.

Group name	Area in km <sup>2</sup>	Type
■ French	510 868	Statewide
■ Basques	2573	Regional & urban
■ Roma		Migrant

Table 107: List of ethnic groups in France during 1946-1961.

*From 1962 until 2017*

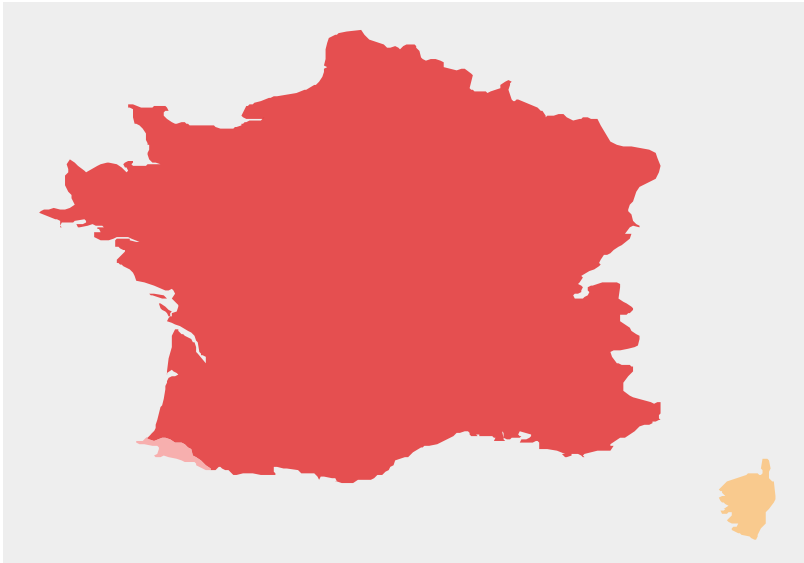


Figure 323: Map of ethnic groups in France during 1962-2017.

Group name	Area in km <sup>2</sup>	Type
■ French	510 868	Statewide
■ Corsicans	8762	Regional & urban
■ Basques	2573	Regional & urban
Roma		Migrant

Table 108: List of ethnic groups in France during 1962-2017.

## *Conflicts in France*

*Starting on 1946-05-06*

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of France	Government of Thailand		1946-05-06			

*Starting on 1956-10-30*

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Egypt	Government of France		1956-10-30			
Government of Egypt	Government of Israel		1956-10-30			
Government of Egypt	Government of United Kingdom		1956-10-30			

*Starting on 1961-04-21*

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of France	OAS	French	1961-04-21	No	Yes, from EGIP	No

*Starting on 1961-07-19*

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of France	Government of Tunisia		1961-07-19			